

Pesticide Applicator, Sales & Business Licensing Guide

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is devoted to the total support of agriculture in Kansas. While we must fulfill our statutory obligations, the department is dedicated to providing support and assistance to make Kansas farms, ranches and agribusinesses successful and help them grow if that is their desire. We also encourage more farms, ranches and other agriculture business to expand in or relocate to Kansas. This checklist will help guide you through various resources and requirements for opening and operating a typical Kansas pesticide business. In addition to license requirements by the Kansas Department of Agriculture, other Kansas agencies as well as local or federal government agencies may have regulatory requirements to follow. Contact your local planning authority to ensure you follow all local business development laws, rules, regulations and guidelines. This guide is designed to assist you as you work to build and operate a successful pesticide business in Kansas.

✓	Department	Description	Renewal
	Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDC)*	The KSBDC is a network of service centers located throughout Kansas offering business consulting to small businesses. Call 800-452-6727 for more information.	Prior to starting
	Office of the Secretary of State	Complete the appropriate filings and forms for a business entity required by the Kansas Secretary of State. Call 785-296-4564 for more information.	Prior to starting
	Department of Revenue	Visit the Department of Revenue website to find important business tax information . Call 785-368-8222 for more information.	Prior to starting
	Department of Agriculture, Pesticide & Fertilizer	<p>Any person or business that applies pesticides is required to become licensed as a pesticide business by completing the Pesticide Business License application. Any person that applies pesticides commercially, whether as an owner or employee of a business, is required to receive a Commercial Certified Pesticide Applicator certification. Consult the Pesticide Applicator webpage for certification exam dates.</p> <p>Non-commercial pesticide application for agricultural use requires obtaining a Private Certified Pesticide Applicator certification by passing an open-book exam. Contact the local extension office for more information.</p> <p>Every pesticide business that applies pesticides for the control of wood-destroying (7A), structural (7E), ornamental (3A), turf (3B), or interior landscape (3C) pests and also employs uncertified applicators/technicians is required to have a registered technician training program. Complete instructions can be found at the Pesticide Applicator website.</p> <p>Pesticide dealers are required to register. Dealers are those who sell pesticide products. Licensed pesticide businesses that only apply pesticides do not register as a pesticide dealer. A licensed pesticide business that sells pesticide product without applying the product is required to have a pesticide dealer license. Details about pesticide dealer registration can be found at the Pesticide Dealer website.</p> <p>Secondary containment is required for all facilities where bulk pesticides are stored in excess of 1,000 gallons of liquid or 3,000 pounds of dry pesticides in any 365-day period. Approval for secondary containment must be obtained by completion of a Pesticide Secondary Containment Application.</p> <p>For a complete list of requirements for all of these areas, review the Pesticide & Fertilizer Program webpage, or call 785-564-6688.</p>	<p>Prior to starting,</p> <p>—</p> <p>Prior to applying pesticide</p> <p>—</p> <p>—</p> <p>Prior to starting, July 1 Renewal</p> <p>—</p> <p>Prior to construction</p> <p>—</p>
	Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures	No license is needed from Weights and Measures, but a pesticide business with scales must hire a licensed service company to test the scales once annually if the scales are utilized for any commercial transaction. Visit the Weights & Measures website for more information, or call 785-564-6683.	Annual service



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	Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Water, Industrial Program Section	An NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit is required only if one or more acres are disturbed during construction. The permit is required prior to the start of soil disturbing activities. Visit the KDHE Industrial Programs website, or call 785-296-5549 for more information. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Pesticide General Permits are required for the application of pesticides to, over or near waters of the United States for the purpose of pest control. Review the KDHE Pesticide General Permit website for more information, or call 785-296-5551.	Prior to construction Prior to applying pesticide
	Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Water, Public Water Supply & Geology Sections	If the facility will not utilize a municipal public water supply or rural water supply as the source of drinking water and the facility will serve 25 people or more per day, 60 or more days per year, it will be considered a public water supply subject to State/Federal drinking water requirements. Contact the KDHE Public Water Supply Section at 785-296-5523. Water wells shall be constructed by Kansas-licensed water well contractors. There are special construction requirements for water wells serving public water supplies. Contact the KDHE Geology Section at 785-296-5560 for more information.	Prior to construction
	Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Water, Municipal Program Section	If the facility will employ an on-site wastewater treatment system rather than utilize a municipal sanitary sewer for handling and disposal of sewage from the facility, contact the KDHE Municipal Program Section at 785-296-5527 for construction and permitting requirements.	Prior to construction

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This guide is for informational purposes only. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of requirements for operating a Kansas agribusiness entity. Please contact the appropriate agencies or organizations for specific requirements applicable to your business.
* Indicates that the information listed is merely a useful resource and not a requirement for operating the business

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